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Pinaki Ray

Application No.: 09/475,768

Filed: December 30, 1999

For: **CONDUIT SYSTEM FOR ISOLATION OF  
FLUIDS IN BIOLOGICAL TISSUES**

Examiner: Williams, Catherine Serke

Art Unit: 3763

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1203	360	2203	180	Multiple Dependent claim, if not paid
1204	300	2204	150	**Reissue independent claims over original patent
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2053	130	2053	130	Non-English specification
1251	120	2251	80	Extension for reply within first month
1252	450	2252	225	Extension for reply within second month
1253	1,020	2253	510	Extension for reply within third month
1254	1,590	2254	795	Extension for reply within fourth month
1255	2,160	2255	1,080	Extension for reply within fifth month
1401	500	2401	250	Notice of Appeal
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1460	130	2460	130	Petitions to the Commissioner
1807	50	1807	50	Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17(q)
1806	180	1806	180	Submission of Information Disclosure Sheet
1809	790	1809	395	Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR § 1.129(a))
1810	780	2810	395	For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR § 1.129(b))

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